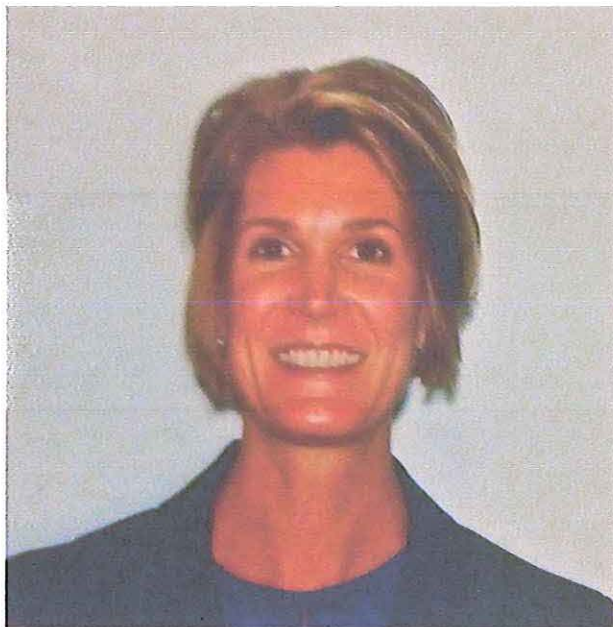


APPLICATION
21st CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT JUDGE

**RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IF THE APPLICANT IS
SELECTED AS A NOMINEE.**

NAME: Susan M. Petersen



1. State your present principal occupation: **Assistant Prosecuting Attorney,
St. Louis County, Missouri**
2. Are you at least 25 years of age? **Yes**
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? **43 years**
(b) Have you been a resident of St. Louis County for at least one year immediately prior to
the date of this application? **Yes**
(c) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? **25 years**

4. Are you licensed to practice law in Missouri? **Yes**

List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you are licensed as an attorney: **N/A**

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? **October 2, 1998**

Missouri Bar Number: **47602**

(In completing items 6 and 7, please account for all time periods between post-high school education and the date of this application.)

6. State the name and address of all colleges and universities you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received:

St. Louis University School of Law
3700 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63108
Attended: September 1995 - May 1998
Graduated: May 1998
Degree: Juris Doctorate

Santa Clara University
500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, California 95053
Attended: September 1991 - June 1995
Graduated: June 1995
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Commerce - Major in Accounting
(Note: Participated in Foreign Studies Program – St. Louis University Madrid Campus, Fall 1993)

7. State, in chronological order, your entire working career, including non-legal employment, if any. Include the name and address of each firm, corporation, partnership, or governmental body with which you have been associated, and the dates thereof. (Start with earliest date, conclude with present.)

Summers 1988 - 1991	Midwest Pool Management
Lifeguard &	156 Weldon Parkway
Pool Manager	St. Louis, Missouri 63043

January - April 1995	Shannon & Snyder, Certified Public Accountants
Tax Preparer	650 North Winchester Boulevard
	San Jose, California 95128

Summers 1994 - 1996	Dulin, King, Parres, McDowell & McDowell
Legal Intern	Attorneys at Law
	222 South Central Avenue Suite 1000
	Clayton, Missouri 63105

May - August 1997	Office of the Missouri Attorney General
Legal Clerk	Wainwright State Office Building
	111 North 7th Street
	St. Louis, Missouri 63101

**Dec. 1998 to Present
Assistant Prosecuting
Attorney**

**Office of the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney
100 South Central Avenue
Clayton, Missouri 63105**

(Note: also served as an Intern in the office for periods of Jan. - April 1998 and May - Aug. 1996)

8. Are you able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a judge including the ability to preside over trials, perform legal research, attend court anywhere in the state, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, and expeditiously decide issues coming before the court? **Yes**
9. Attach a list of cases you have tried in the last five years. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Indicate for each case whether bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. If, during any of the last five years, you served as a commissioner or in any other judicial capacity, set forth the dates of same and a description of the duties performed. **(Please see attached list).**
10. Have you briefed or argued any case in an appellate court? **No**
If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.
11. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney.
 - **As a Prosecuting Attorney, I actively:**
 - **Present cases to the Grand Jury**
 - **Participate in preliminary hearings**
 - **Prepare witnesses to testify for trial**
 - **Assist colleagues in jury selection**
 - **Issue Arrest Warrants**
 - **Draft Motions in Limine**
 - **Prepare Search Warrants**
 - **Argue Motions to Suppress**
 - **Handle Probation Revocation Hearings**
 - **Draft Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Judges in response to Post Conviction Relief Motions**
 - **As the Drug Court Prosecutor, I am placed in a position to step to the other side of the table and help individuals who have made wrong decisions get a second chance in shaping their futures. These individuals engage in a rigorous, but rewarding program that allows them to avoid a criminal record in exchange for a commitment to become a contributing member of society. I feel my role is to**

balance compassion with holding participants accountable for their actions. More times than not, these individuals have a stronger appreciation for our legal system, law enforcement and our judicial process.

- As a member of the Domestic Violence Team, I have counseled hundreds of crime victims and have served as their voice in the legal process. Many of these individuals have been the victims of horrible crimes and are often intimidated by the legal system. I, along with the Victim Services Group, work to explain the process, support their rights and attain justice for the crimes committed against them.**
- I have volunteered to teach at the St. Louis County Police Academy. I have taught new cadets in the areas of courtroom etiquette, testimony and police report writing. Cadets gain a better understanding of the broad spectrum of the criminal justice system from arrest through trial. As a result, the cadets gain an appreciation for the legal process and are better prepared to carry out their duties not only on the streets, but in the courtroom where they play a vital role in the judicial process. I have taught a similar class for commissioned officers which is geared towards handling domestic violence cases. I stress the importance of their role as first responders and their influence in helping end the victim's cycle of violence.**
- Having been an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in St. Louis County for 17 years, I feel committed to serving as a mentor to many of the newer attorneys in our office. I offer guidance and advice to these individuals and educate them in how to conduct themselves as representatives of our legal system. For many of the young female attorneys, I demonstrate to them that a work-life balance is not only attainable, but rewarding. Many of them see me as a leader and are inspired by my dedication to both my family and career.**

12. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? **No**

If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction, and date of conviction:

13. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any other litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem? **No**

If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and in which it was terminated:

14. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof? **No**

If yes, provide details:

15. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? **No**

If yes, provide details:

16. If you are or were a member of the Judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:

(a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct? **N/A**
If yes, state the nature of such breach, the date discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of the discipline imposed:

(b) Whether a reprimand or admonishment has ever been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Rule 12.07 of the Supreme Court Rules Governing the Judiciary. **N/A**

If yes, provide details including date the order was entered, the date of your consent, and a description of the conduct you were ordered to cease and desist:

(c) Whether, to your knowledge, you have been a subject of a complaint and investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, which did not result in any action by the Commission? **N/A** If yes, provide details:

17. To your knowledge, have you been investigated by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof for breach of ethics or professional conduct? **No**
If yes, provide details:

18. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates:

Missouri Bar Association
St. Louis County Bar Association
The Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis

19. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated:

School Board Member – Immacolata Catholic School
Volunteer Instructor – Junior Achievement
Treasurer – Immacolata Ladies Society
Member – Stewardship Committee – Immacolata Catholic Church

20. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position?
No

If yes, provide details:

21. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service, or (b) other public service, not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, was the discharge other than honorable? If military service continues, so state: N/A
22. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received:

Letter of Recognition from the Governor of Missouri for volunteering as an instructor in the Junior Achievement Program.

Appreciation Award from the St. Louis County Police Academy for volunteering to teach classes for Cadets and commissioned Police Officers.

Appreciation Award from the Law Enforcement Explorer Academy for assisting in the organization's mock trial program.

23. Furnish the names and addresses, including zip codes and telephone numbers of not more than five persons, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications:

**Robert P. McCulloch
Prosecuting Attorney – St. Louis County
St. Louis County Justice Center
100 South Central
Clayton, Missouri 63105
(314) 615-2600**

**Mary Davis
St. Louis County Drug Court Administrator
7900 Carondelet
Clayton, Missouri 63105
(314) 615-2678**

**Thomas E. Schwartz
Holloran, White, Schwartz & Gaertner
2000 South 8th Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63104
(314) 772-8989**

**Kevin J. Williams
Managing Principal
Carmody MacDonald
120 South Central Avenue, Suite 1800
Clayton, Missouri 63105
(314) 854-8660**

Trial Experience (for last five years)
Susan McDowell Petersen

State of Missouri vs. Andrew Porter

St. Louis County Circuit Court Cause #07SL-CR05469

The Honorable Colleen Dolan, Division 20

Opposing Counsel: Steve Lewis
St. Louis County Public Defender's Office
(314) 615-4778

The Defendant was charged with two separate Bank Robberies in Ferguson. Jury waived trial; Judge Dolan found the defendant guilty and sentenced the Defendant on December 11, 2008 to 20 years in prison.

State of Missouri vs. Travis Roberts

St. Louis County Circuit Court Cause #08SL-CR03191

The Honorable Colleen Dolan, Division 20

Opposing Counsel: William Tucker
St. Louis County Public Defender's Office
(314) 615-4778

The Defendant was charged with shooting the victim five times. The Jury was not able to reach a verdict.

The case was tried a second time and again the jury was not able to reach a verdict. On June 19, 2009 the Defendant plead guilty to Assault Second Degree (reduced from Assault First Degree) and Armed Criminal Action and was sentenced as part of a plea bargain to 7 years in prison.

State of Missouri vs. Darrell Alexander

St. Louis County Court Cause #09SL-CR03227

The Honorable Maura McShane, Division 2

Opposing Counsel: Kelly Moyich
St. Louis County Public Defender's Office
(314) 615-4778

The Defendant was charged with assaulting his girlfriend. The Jury returned a verdict of guilty and the Defendant was sentenced on October 2, 2009 to 8 years in prison.

State of Missouri vs. Lester Minner

St. Louis County Court Cause #07SL-CR07314

The Honorable Colleen Dolan, Division 20

Opposing Counsel: Steve Lewis
St. Louis County Public Defender's Office
(314) 615-4778

The Defendant was charged with assaulting the victim by shooting at him. The Jury returned a verdict of guilty and the Defendant was sentenced on January 7, 2010 to 15 years in prison.

State of Missouri vs. Ricky Cody

St. Louis County Court Cause #09SL-CR10342

The Honorable Tom DePriest, Division 8

Opposing Counsel: Jolene Taaffe
1015 Locust Street, Suite 908
St. Louis, MO 63101
(314) 241-3700

The Defendant was charged with assaulting his girlfriend. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and the Defendant was sentenced on February 25, 2011 to 10 years in prison.

State of Missouri vs. Billy Crudup

St. Louis County Court Cause #10SL-CR10451

The Honorable Richard Bresnahan, Division 18

Opposing Counsel: Stephen Reynolds
St. Louis County Public Defender's Office
(314) 615-4778

The defendant was charged with tying up his girlfriend, burning her bare chest with a hot iron and raping her. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on Domestic Assault in the First Degree, Armed Criminal Action and Felonious Restraint, and a verdict on not guilty on Forcible Rape. The Judge sentenced the defendant on February 8, 2013 to 30 years in prison.

State of Missouri vs. Keith Stubblefield

St. Louis County Court Cause #11SL-CR00319

The Honorable Tom DePriest, Division 8

Opposing Counsel: Terrence Niehoff
818 Lafayette
St. Louis, MO 63104
(314) 621-4400

The Defendant was charged with Murder in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action for shooting and killing his girlfriend execution style while she held their child. Jury waived trial; Judge DePriest found the defendant guilty and sentenced the Defendant on May 20, 2013 to Life in prison.

State of Missouri vs. Wayne Rhodes

St. Louis County Court Cause #11SL-CR03246

The Honorable Michael Burton, Division 16

Opposing Counsel: Kenneth Schwartz
7751 Carondelet, Suite 204
St. Louis, MO 63105
(314) 863-4654

The Defendant was charged with assaulting two law enforcement officers from the Breckenridge Hills Police Department. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty on May 21, 2013.

State of Missouri vs. Lonnie Brown

St. Louis County Court Cause #13SL-CR00364

The Honorable Colleen Dolan, Division 20

Opposing Counsel: Patrick Brayer
St. Louis County Public Defender's Office
(314) 615-4778

The defendant was charged with shooting at the victim. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on Assault in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action. The Judge sentenced the defendant on October 23, 2014 to 15 years in prison.

State of Missouri vs. Shazada Bass

St. Louis County Court Cause #14SL-CR00694

The Honorable Colleen Dolan, Division 20

Opposing Counsel: Jeffrey Rath
7751 Carondelet
St. Louis, MO 63105
(314) 727-0211

The defendant was charged with possession of a controlled substance. The defendant was stopped in a car with another suspect and drugs were found in the car. On December 10, 2015, after a bench trial the defendant was found not guilty.

State of Missouri vs. Benjamin Wilkinson

St. Louis County Court Cause #14SL-CR01356

The Honorable Colleen Dolan, Division 20

Opposing Counsel: Charles Barberio
4542 West Pine
St. Louis, MO 63108
(314) 615- 5678

The defendant was charged with Murder in the Second Degree and Armed Criminal Action for shooting his girlfriend in the head. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on the lesser included charge of Involuntary Manslaughter in the First Degree and Armed Criminal Action. The Judge has scheduled sentencing on February 1, 2016.